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- 1. The Popesti-Leordeni airport is located in the southeastern part of Bucharest approximately 8 kilometers from the center of the city. On the southeastern side of the airport the railroad runs in a circle around Bucharest, the tracks curving towards east and northeast. On the southwestern side of the airport is the Bucharest-Oltenita asphalt road.
- The Apretura textile factory is located across the road from the airport, on the right side of the road facing Oltenita. The factory has a brick chimney which can be seen from a great distance.
- The airport is located on flat terrain and is open on all sides with the exception of the factory chimney, which is in any case out of the usual paths of flight.
- In front of the road, the airport has a higher elevation and is covered with grass which gives it excellent drainage so that it can be used under all weather conditions.
- 5. During the last war it was used for a military instrument flying the iming
- At present the airport is occupied by a Rumanian fighter regiment, which has approxiamtely 50 fighter planes of the MIG type. There are also approximately 30 Messerschmidt 109 G airplanes, 6 Nardi (Italian type) planes for the fighter school, and 5 liaison airplanes Fleet 10, all used for training.

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7. The crews for the jet planes were trained in the USSR. Approximately 200 pilots are being instructed and they are selected especially from among young elements, who are very faithful to the Communist Party and who had previously taken the courses of the CFR (Rumanian Railroad) flying schools.

## LEGEND TO SKETCH

- 1. Radio and meteorological station.
- 2. Yards for small repairs and depots for spare parts.
- 3. Metal hangars.
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- 5. Subterranean gasoline depots of a capacity of approxiamtely 30 carloads.
- 6. Big masonry hangars with skeletons of concrete and iron.
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- 9. Large wooden barracks for the troops.
- 10. Administration building (ground level) and barracks for the crews--officers and sub-officers-on the floor above.
- 11. Apretura textile factory, with a brick chimney.
- 12. Small ground slope, not very deep, approximately 200 meters wide, which does not hinder flights in any way.
- 13. Bucharest-Oltenita asphalt road.
- 14. Circular railroad around Bucharest. The dimensions are 1600 by 1800 meters. The airport has no concrete runways.

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